

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA S ROLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS IN MYANMAR

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India, Thailand and Myanmar have undertaken a joint-project for development of roads and highways in Myanmar;
- (b) if so, the details of highway projects and the cost involved therein alongwith the terms of the agreement between the three countries; and
- (c) the benefits that are likely to accrue India as a result thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) The idea of connecting India, Myanmar and Thailand by road was agreed at a meeting of Foreign Ministers of the three countries in April 2002. It was agreed that the proposed highway would connect Moreh (Manipur) in India to Mae Sot in Thailand via Bagan in Myanmar and will be approximately 1360 km long. In 2003, India and Thailand agreed to consider financing the upgradation of parts of the highways close to their respective borders. Preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the projects is being undertaken by India.

(c) The proposed trilateral highway would greatly enhance road connectivity between India, Myanmar and Thailand. Enhancing such connectivity is in accordance with our Look East Policy.